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SUBJ: PUBLIC ORDER DECREES

1. SUMMARY. TWO DECREES HAVE JUST BEEN PROMULGATED BY THE GOA CITING THE NEED TO MAINTAIN PUBLIC ORDER AS THE REASON FOR THEIR ISSUANCE. ONE DEALS WITH THE PLACING OF ADVERTISEMENTS AND SOLICITATIONS IN NEWSPAPERS BY POLITICAL GROUPS WHILE THE OTHER MODIFIES THE LAWS REGARDING POSSESSION AND REGISTRATION OF FIREARMS. BOTH APPEAR TO BE A PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S RECENT MOVES AGAINST TERRORISTS. END SUMMARY.

2. SATURDAY, AUG 4, SAW THE ISSUANCES OF TWO DECREES UNDER THE SIGNATURE OF PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT LASTIRI WHICH CAN BE REGARDED AS PART OF THE GOA'S PLAN TO CRACK DOWN ON TERRORIST GROUPS OPERATING IN ARGENTINA. THE FIRST WAS A MODIFICATION OF THE LAWS REGARDING THE POSSESSION AND REGISTRATION OF FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES. BASICALLY THE NEW LAW REQUIRES THAT PERSONS WHO HAVE IN THEIR POSSESSION FIREARMS CLASSIFIED AS WEAPONS OF WAR MUST TURN THEM OVER TO THE AUTHORITIES WITHIN 5 DAYS. PERSONS WITH LOW CALIBER WEAPONS ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER THESE WITHIN 30 DAYS. THESE, COMBINED WITH THE MEASURES THAT THE LANUSSE GOVERNMENT PUT INTO EFFECT SHORTLY BEFORE THE MARCH ELECTIONS, PLACE (ON PAPER AT LEAST) VERY TIGHT RESTRICTIONS ON THE POSSESSION OF FIREARMS.

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3. THE SECOND DECREE REQUIRES THAT ANY PERIODICAL WHICH ACCEPTS A PAID ADVERTISEMENT OR SOLICITATION DETERMINE THE IDENTITY AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSONS THAT ARE PLACING THE AD. THIS IS REQUIRED ON ALL ADS WHOSE PUBLICATION COULD RESULT IN THE COMMISSION OF A CRIME OR THAT MIGHT AFFECT THE PUBLIC ORDER. THIS ACTION IS NO DOUBT A RESPONSE TO THE WIDESPREAD USE OF NEWSPAPER ADS BY ERP AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.
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